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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Ioannis Pallikaris et al.

Appln. No.: 10/786,350

Filed: February 25, 2004

For: Device for Separating the Epithelium Layer from the Surface of the Cornea of an Eye

Attorney Docket No: 10781/25

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Art Unit: 3739

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal Cover Letter (1p. Filed in Dup.); Preliminary Amendment (3pp.); Information Disclosure Statement (3pp. Filed in Dup.); Form PTO 1449 (3pp.)  
☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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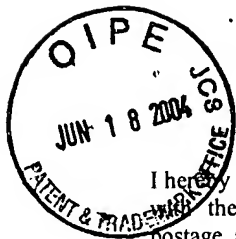
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Respectfully submitted,

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment and consider the following remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.